State of Arizona Senate Forty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session 2001

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SENATE BILL 1121

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-603, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-608.02; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 41-603, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

41-603. Powers and duties

- A. The department may act as guardian of an incapacitated veteran, the incapacitated spouse of an incapacitated veteran or minor children of a veteran, or as conservator of the estate of a protected veteran or of the veteran's incapacitated or surviving spouse or of the minor children of a veteran.
 - B. The department shall:
- 1. Assist veterans and their families and dependents in presenting, providing and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under federal, state or local law.
- 2. Inform veterans and their families and dependents and military and civilian authorities about federal, state and local laws enacted to benefit veterans and their families and dependents and members of the armed forces.
- 3. Collect information relating to services and facilities available to veterans.
- 4. Cooperate with all government and private agencies receiving services for or benefits to veterans and their families and dependents.
- 5. Conduct administrative reviews and, if possible, correct abuses or prevent exploitation of veterans and their families or dependents and recommend corrective legislation.
 - 6. Adopt rules deemed necessary to administer this article.
- 7. Enter into agreements with veterans' organizations in this state holding a charter granted by the Congress of the United States for the beneficial interest of veterans.
- 8. Determine eligibility for special license plates issued pursuant to section 28-2455.
- 9. Evaluate, supervise, approve and disapprove programs offered by educational institutions and training establishments pursuant to United States Code titles 10 and 38 and state rules, so that veterans and their dependents may draw the educational allowance provided by federal law while pursuing approved programs.
- 10. Register veterans' organizations seeking to solicit money or other support in this state in the name of American veterans.
- C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR AND ESTABLISH AND OPERATE CEMETERIES FOR VETERANS IN THIS STATE.
- Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 3, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-608.02, to read:
 - 41-608.02. State veterans' cemetery fund
- A. THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND FEDERAL MONIES THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR UP TO THREE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES. ANY ADDITIONAL FEDERAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR

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- STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES REVERT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.
 - B. MONIES IN THE FUND:
- 1. SHALL BE USED TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR AND TO ESTABLISH STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES.
 - 2. ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED.
- 7 3. ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO 8 LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

APPROVED BY THE COVERNOR MAY 7, 2001.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 7, 2001.

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